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FROM AMBASSADOR WOLLE MUSCAT

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TAGS: ENRG MU

SUBJ: OMANI PLANS FOR FERTILIZER INDUSTRY

REF: KUWAIT 4092 (NOTAL)

1. CONCURRENTLY WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING PLANS TO BUILD NEW LPG FACILITY (REFTEL) OMANGOV ANNOUNCED SIGNING OF CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPING FERTILIZER INDUSTRY. CONCESSIONAIRE IS GAZOCEAN OF FRANCE WHICH WILL BE MINORITY PARTNER WITH OMANGOV HOLDING MAJORITY INTEREST. PLANS CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AMMONIA-UREA COMPLEX CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 2,000 TONS OF FERTILIZER PER DAY. CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN EARLY CY 75 WILL INCLUDE 320 KILOMETER, 20 INCH PIPELINE TO BRING NATURAL GAS TO PLANT SITE. COST OF PROJECT PLACED AT \$400 MILLION US.

2. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER GAZOCEAN CONCESSION INCLUDES MARKETING RIGHTS OR IF FERTILIZER WILL BE OTHERWISE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. WILL ADVISE.

3. COMMENT: AS RECENTLY AS APRIL 1974 THERE WAS SOME QUESTION OF WHETHER OMANIS WOULD BE FINANCIALLY ABLE TO UNDERTAKE EVEN LESS COSTLY PROJECT ALONG THESE LINES (KUWAIT 1319). DRAMATIC INCREASE IN REVENUES HAS REVERSED PICTURE, BUT RECENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANNOUNCED MAJOR PROJECTS (LPG PLANT, MAJOR DEFENSE PURCHASES,

AMMONIA-UREA FACILITY UNDER DISCUSSION) MIGHT STRAIN  
SULTANATE'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES.  
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